

Grade 6 - Chapter 16

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Catechist Edition Instruction

Discover (1)

Objectives

- Discuss Philip's attitude of openness to continuing Jesus' mission
- Understand that evangelization is giving witness to the faith by proclaiming the Good News of Jesus in a way that invites people to accept the Gospel

The Apostles' Mission

Ask: How did the Apostles carry out Jesus' mission?

- List the children's responses on the board or on chart paper.

Read aloud the first paragraph.

For further discussion, have the children turn to page 309 in the Our Catholic Tradition section of the Student Book to review "The Church's Mission."

► Music Option: While the children read, play "Take the Word of God with You," downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Scripture

Ask two volunteers to read the parts of Philip and the Ethiopian and proclaim the Scripture passage.

★ Have the children underline what Philip shared with the Ethiopian and circle how the Ethiopian responded.

- Review the responses as a group.

God's Mission for You

Have the children silently read this page.

- Ask volunteers for examples of situations in which they might unexpectedly have an opportunity to share the Good News. **Possible response: when having speaking with friends who are going through troubling times**

- Remind the children that Jesus has given them the Holy Spirit to help them with their mission.

Activity

Explain the activity to the children.

- Allow time for them to complete the activity.

Quick Review

The Apostles willingly carried out the mission of Jesus. Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit to help us on our mission, which began when we entered into the Christian life through the Sacraments of Initiation.

Discover (2)

Objectives

- Recognize that by our Baptism, we share in the mission of the Church to announce the Good News
- Note that Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism and seals us with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Appreciate how the Eucharist unites us to Jesus Christ and nourishes us to live out our faith

Sacraments of Initiation

Ask: How do you carry out the mission of Jesus today?

- Have the children discuss ideas with a partner.

Read aloud the two paragraphs.

Work with Words

Appoint five volunteers to read aloud the definitions from the Catholic Faith Words box on page 226 after the highlighted terms are read aloud on pages 226 and 227.

- Remind those who are reading the main text to pause after reading the highlighted words to allow the definitions to be read.

Baptism

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the text.

- Ask the question and discuss as a group.

Confirmation

Ask a volunteer to read aloud the text on pages 226 and 227.

- Have the children look for the words that describe the action of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation.

Possible response: The Holy Spirit pours out gifts that seal and unite the confirmed to Christ and the Church.

Eucharist

Select another volunteer to read aloud this section.

- Tell the children to look for terms that the Church uses for the Eucharist. **Body and Blood, Bread of Life, Blessed Sacrament**

- Be sure to highlight what happens with and the importance of transubstantiation.
- ▶ Music Option: Sing with the children “Somos el Cuerpo de Cristo/We Are the Body of Christ,” downloaded from aliveinchrist.osv.com.

Activity

Read aloud the directions.

- Allow volunteers to share some of the things they learned.

Quick Review

The Christian mission of sharing the Good News of God's Kingdom flows from the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist.

Catechist Tips: Children with Diabetes

Some of the children in your group may have diabetes. These children are generally very knowledgeable about their food needs.

- Make sure that you have on hand their medical information concerning any chronic conditions.
- Follow proper procedures if there is a medical emergency, including calling 911 as soon as possible.

Glossary Activity: Mission

Have the children write and share stories about missions for Jesus.

- Invite them to draw on their familiarity with stories about agents on missions to write their stories.
- Remind the children that agents of Jesus are not secret.

Additional Activity: Holy Spirit Art

Supplies:

- circular paper plates
- drawing paper
- pencils
- scissors
- student-quality chalk pastels
- black fabric paint (in bottles with applicator tips, or use with fine paintbrushes)
- black poster board (cut poster board into squares slightly larger than the paper plates)
- spray-mounting glue
- pictures of stained-glass windows depicting the Holy Spirit
- newspaper or plastic tablecloths (lay out newspaper or plastic tablecloths to protect your workspace; designate a cleanup station where young people can wash up after working with the pastels)
- water, paper towels, and other cleanup supplies
- aerosol hairspray (optional)

Introduce the activity. Say: **The mission we are given in Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist is not one we have to do alone. The Sacraments of Initiation fill and empower us with God's very presence in the form of the Holy Spirit. We are going to make Pastel drawings of symbols of the Holy Spirit to remind us of the Holy Spirit's presence.**

- Give each child a paper plate and a sheet of drawing paper.

- Have them use pencils to trace the outline of the paper plate onto the drawing paper. Cut out the circle.
- Have the children look at pictures of stained-glass windows depicting the Holy Spirit. Using the pictures as inspiration, the children can create a design on the paper, drawing in pencil.
- Have them color in the design using chalk pastels. Be careful not to accidentally smear the chalk. A bit of controlled smearing, however, produces lovely effects.
- When the children have finished coloring with the pastels, use spray-mount glue to carefully attach each circle to a square piece of poster board. Use black fabric paint to go over the pencil lines. This final step will make the drawing look like a stained-glass window.
- Chalk pastels will remain dusty. To make them more stable, you can spray them lightly with aerosol hairspray. Wait until the black fabric paint has dried before spraying. It may be best to do this outdoors if you will be spraying a number of projects.

Additional Activity: Future Story Board

Supplies:

- large sheets of construction paper
- crayons or markers
- pens or pencils

Explain to the children that they are going to make a storyboard showing or telling how they see themselves living out their mission of discipleship in the next fifteen years.

- Distribute the construction paper and have the children fold it in three parts.
- At the top of each section have them put the years beginning with 5 years from this year (example 2025, 2030, 2035).
- Instruct the children to envision in drawings and/or words how they will be living out their mission as a disciple at that time.
- When the story boards are completed, have volunteers share them.

Parish Video Connection: Sacraments of Christian Initiation

If the children would benefit from more explanation of the Sacraments of Initiation after you have completed the instruction on pages 226 and 227, you may wish to play this longer video that connects the Sacraments and expands on each with quotes and historical references. The material you will wish to share ends at 8:05 in this video.

Ask: How are the Sacraments of Initiation connected to each other?

YouTube Link: <http://youtu.be/XT9dGZP3WZE>

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